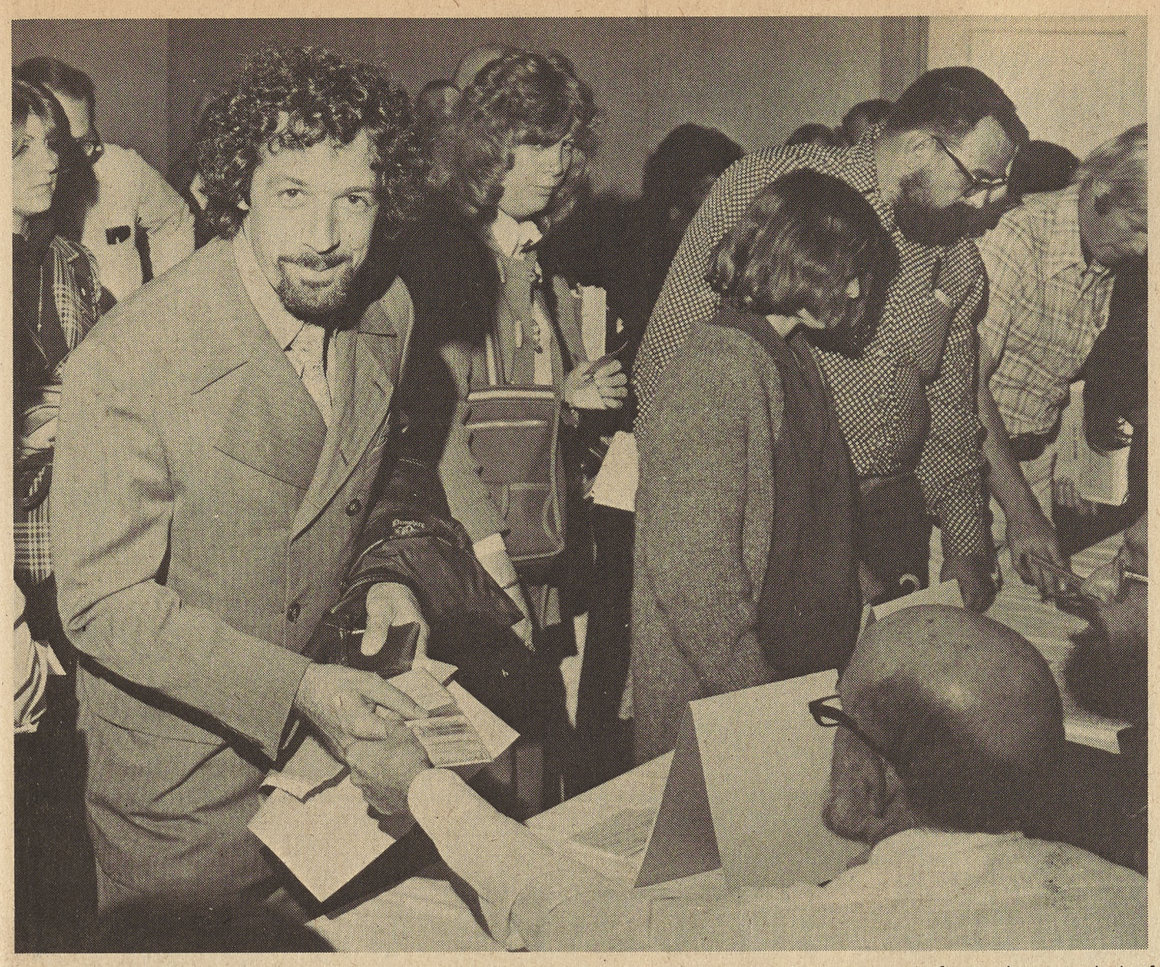

WAITING TO VOTE—Professor Richard Raskoff joins the line of district teachers waiting to cast their ballots on ratification for the proposed new contract. The contract was accepted by the teachers after a long period of negotiations.

AFT, Trustees Okay First Teacher-District Contract

By GERALD SITSER
Staff Writer

Valley teachers received an early Christmas present Dec. 21 as their first contract with the District was ratified by the Board of Trustees following six months of negotiations.

Final Board approval of the three-year contract has been delayed by lingering disputes over salary increase, student load per instructor, and grievance procedures.

On the Friday after ratification the contract passed a faculty vote at the Roger Young Auditorium, downtown, with 442 district teachers for and 101 against the final draft, according to William Doyle, assistant executive secretary for the AFT. The dissenting votes, said Doyle, were mostly opposed to the terms for student load.

"Frankly, I don't see any change," commented Arnold Fletcher, AFT president and chairman of the history department at Valley, in regard to the decision on student load.

Under the new contract, instructors must meet a department average of 35 students per class in addition to 525 student-contact hours a week. While these figures are relatively unchanged from last year, many teachers were looking for a reduction in the size of their classes.

"But," stresses Fletcher, "these are department averages and not individual as it's been in the past." Virginia Mulrooney, executive secretary and chief negotiater for the AFT, added that classes in advanced standing or with normally low enrollment would be exempt from the rule, and that "the new standards are virtually the same as the current load."

The major feature of the contract is an eight percent salary increase retroactive to Sept. 12, 1977 which increases the salary of full-time instructors from $21,000 to $22,750 per 10 month term. Part-time instructors received a 10 percent pay increase, also retroactive to September. District teachers who worked during the summer had asked for, but didn't receive, an increase going back to July, according to Mulrooney.

Since the start of negotiations, teachers have lost potential pay raises for three salary periods. According to Fletcher, the retroactive salary increases will be paid to the teachers in a special check which they will receive by mid-February.

But unhappy child-development instructors were one group that didn't get what they came for. Teachers at the Children's Center were given an increase of eight to 13.9 percent, according to their experience and years of service. But this won't, says Fletcher, bring them up to the same level as regular full-time instructors.

Child-development instructors, explains Fletcher, are on a different pay scale than other full-timers because the District sets their salary by what the work would pay if it were off-campus and not a college job. "It's sad," said Fletcher, "that our society doesn't recognize the value of teaching these young children, which is certainly as important and demanding as any other work."

The question of grievance procedures, how a teacher would bring problems and complaints to the AFT, passed through negotiations with relative ease. The selected representatives on each campus for the Guild will be released from three hours of class time a week to handle grievances and see to the implementation of the contract.

Other benefits for district teachers include additional medical coverage for optometric services, an increase in life insurance coverage by $10,000 per full-time instructor, and a seniority clause guaranteeing to the part-time staff that any necessary lay-offs would be made in the reverse order of employment.

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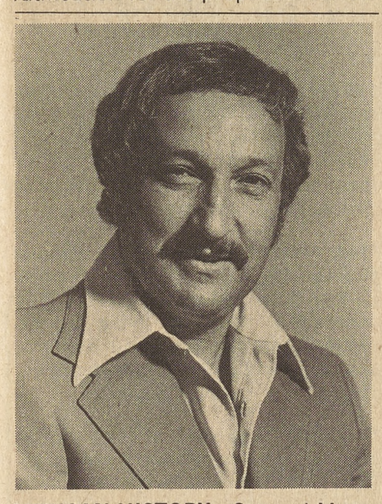

MEXICAN HISTORY—Samuel Mayo, professor of history at Valley College, will be honored at City Hall for his recently completed TV series.
Star Photo by Tom Neerken

Lax Standards Render A.A. Meaningless, Says Committee

By MICHAEL GOULD
Assoc. City Editor

This is the fourth in a series of articles dealing with the Valley College Committee on Academic Standards and the Los Angeles Community College District Committee on Academic Standards.

College standards for awarding the associate degrees are so lax that the degrees have become virtually meaningless, stated Valley's standards committee in their report to the L.A. district.

The committee explained in their report that the present degree program doesn't offer the student guidelines to follow to achieve a well-rounded education, and that this misleads students by allowing them to believe that any collection of 60 units merits a degree.

"What is really sad is that students go out believing they are educated when they're not," says Maryamber Villa, chairwoman of Valley's standards committee.

Valley's committee and committees at each of the nine L.A. Community Colleges were formed by order of the chancellor to study and report on the problems of declining academic standards.

One of the areas studied by the committee was graduation requirements which the committee reports are not being enforced.

According to the standards report a student may graduate from Valley having completed no course which would normally be considered general education except Political Science 1.

Under the present system, said the committee, students can graduate from Valley without the ability to read, write, speak, or solve mathematical problems with college level skill.

Granting degrees to students under the present system, misleads employers and the general public alike by allowing them to believe that holders of degrees have completed a well-rounded college-level education, stated the committee.

Worst of all, said the committee, it destroys the integrity of those degrees which do represent the completion of an appropriate program.

"Our primary concern is that as an educational institution we are not being honest with students or employers," said Villa.

In order to resolve these problems the committee is recommending to the district that graduation requirements be tightened up, on a district-wide basis.

Some of the committee's recommendations are: that no course labeled personal development (PD), occupational (O), or occupational baccalaureate (OB) be used to fulfill the pattern of general education requirements for transfer certification.

That the general education requirements for transfer certification be increased to 32 units.

Mayor Bradley To Honor Valley History Professor

History Professor Samuel Mayo, due to his recently completed TV series on Mexican History, will be honored at City Hall where Mayor Tom Bradley will be proclaiming Feb. 5 to 11 "History of Mexico Week," in his honor.

Eight years in the making, the 45-part series entitled, "History of Mexico" will premier in February on four Los Angeles area television stations.

The series will air beginning February 6 on KNXT, Ch. 2 at 6:23 a.m.

Each station will air half-hour segments on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. KOCE will repeat each week's programs on Saturday from 2-3:30 p.m.

Viewers may obtain tuition-free college credit for the series through the Office of New Dimensions' Insturctional Television unit.

Channel 28, KCET, will begin broadcasting the series on Feb. 13 at 3:30 p.m.

KLCS, Channel 58, will telecast the programs at 7 p.m. starting Feb. 6.

Narrated by Mayo, the series features rare footage of the Revolution of 1910 and one of the few interviews granted by renowned muralist David Alfaro Siqueiros.

Chicano Awareness To Begin on Monday

Exposing traditional and contemporary heritage is the main objective of "Dias de la Raza" (Days of the People) to be held during Chicano Awareness Week next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

"To educate the students, community, and others on the issues that Chicanos and Latinos are facing, and to bring out into the open the struggles of our people," said Maria Rodriguez, treasurer of MECHA, the student organization that represents the interests of Chicanos about her objectives.

"We also hope it will help us persuade more Latinos and Chicanos to enroll in higher educational institutions, and at the same time entertain by bringing forth both cultural and amusing events," she said. "We're not only doing this for Chicanos and Latinos, but for other peoples, Jews and other Whites, Blacks, etc., so they can have contact with our own people."

Daytime events scheduled to help celebrate Chicano Awareness Week will be kicked off Monday by the USC "Teatro Urbano Theatre Group," who will depict the struggle of La Raza (The People) in Monarch Hall from 12:30 to 1:30.

Tuesday, the musical group "Los Huicholos," from CSUN, will present the history of Latin America and Mexico through song in Monarch Hall from 11 to 12. "It will be music with a message in it," said Rodriguez.

On Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Monarch Hall, a film will be shown dealing with contemporary Chicano and Latino issues. Following the film, at 11, Dr. Rudy Acuna, a professor from CSUN, will speak on the need of higher education for Chicanos and Latinos.

All the events spanning the three days will be bilingual in nature.

School and financial aid literature for those interested in attending higher educational schools will be available at each performance, according to Rodriguez.

Machine Class Offered Free

Students interested in being trained for employment in the machine tool industry now have a chance to receive free training at Valley College, thanks to a $191,135 federal grant that was awarded to the college.

Hugh Moore, assistant dean of occupational education at Valley related recently that the program has room for 30 students who have been unemployed for at least 13 weeks. They will be paid while in school for 52 weeks, starting with the spring '78 semester, with books and supplies being provided for them.

"The college will help them find part-time employment while they are enrolled as students and full-time employment when they complete the program," said Moore.

Those enlisting in the program will learn how to operate machines that shape metal through use of griding, cutting, turning, and welding operations that produce products ranging from airplanes and home appliances to office machines and electronic hardware.

Several employment opportunities include machine shops such as AMPEX, Douglas Aircraft, and Hughes Aircraft.

Scardino Discusses Future, Donohue Past

New A.S. President Vows To 'Work Hard'

By JIM BOLAND
Editor-in-Chief

Many claim that Joe Scardino was elected Associated Students President because of his "army" of campaign workers, but he says he won because the students feel that he "cares."

"I'm no different than any other student," stated Scardino, "but I feel that I have exhibited a desire to work hard and the students recognized that during the campaign."

Scardino's incoming administration will experience certain recurring problems, but will have, as he stated certain advantages.

Scardino feels that the absence of Bruno Cicotti as A.S. adviser will hamper the effectiveness of the finance committee.

"Bruno was very beneficial in the finance committee because of his experience he knew how to avoid much of the red tape," stated Scardino.

The continuing battle over parliamentary procedure was dealt a serious setback when Speech 7, a class designed to aid incoming council members with the formal procedures was cancelled due to a lack of enrollment. Scardino however will try to have the course reinstated. He feels that the Admission Office acted prematurely since the class was cancelled prior to the election results.

However, even if this move fails he feels that his appointment of Steve Manuels, former A.S. president, as parliamentarian will benefit the group.

Scardino's top priority will be to revise the college catalogue. He feels that to many classes have misleading descriptions.

"When I signed up for my Journalism 5 course the catalogue stated that it would deal with newspapers as well as other media areas. But when I went to the first class meeting, the first thing the instructors said was that this class did not deal with the print media," stated Scardino. He added that other students have voiced concern over this issue and he feels it is a situation that seriously 'rips-off' the students.

Scardino also feels that "Communiquate" the A.S. newsletter should be revamped to more conclusively cover the activities of the A.S. Council, in particular discussing the pros and cons of issues.

With a special election set for this

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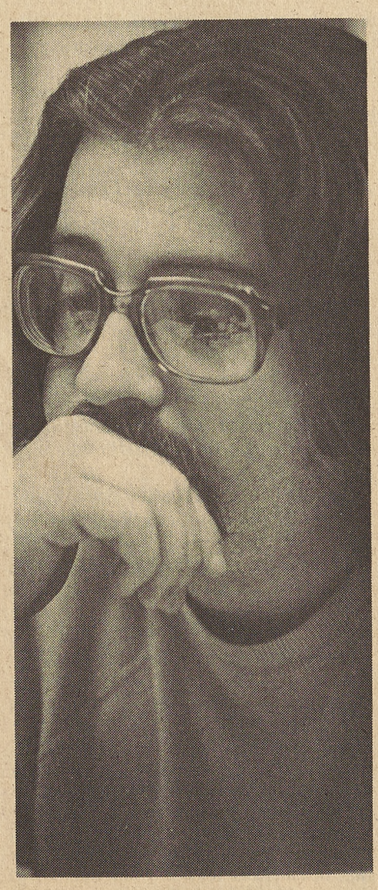

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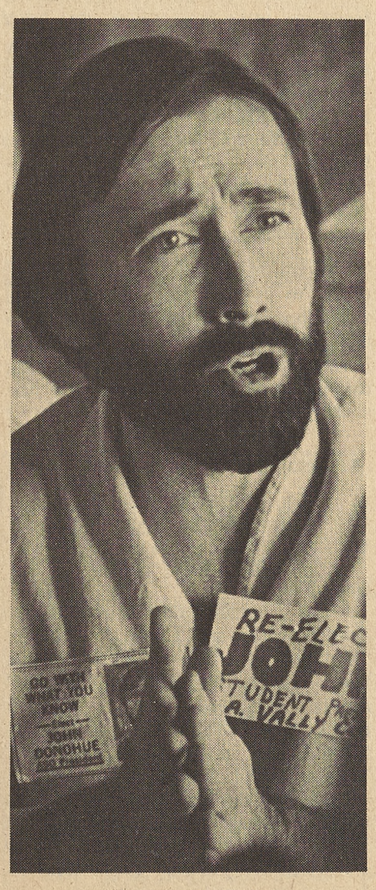

JOHN DONOHUE

Donohue Ponders Successes, Failures

By HUNTER LOWRY
Assoc. News Editor

Many achievements as well as a few disappointments colored John Donohue's past semester as A.S. President, as strides were made toward his goal of "working at making student government more of a vehicle for students."

One of the accomplishments Donohue felt was significant, was the institution of 'Communicate," an Associated Students Organization newsletter with a tear-off for student comments and suggestions, which Donohue feels puts the students more in touch with their government.

Donohue is also pleased to have Northeast Valley available as a prototype health maintenance program, but is disappointed that it is so expensive. It was hoped that the plan would cost approximately $40 per quarter, but it turned out to be a little over $60. Ten students have taken part in the program so far and at least one has used several hundred dollars worth of services.

Some of the council's most successful enterprises in Donohue's opinion, were the children's Christmas party, Homecoming, and the blood drive, and even though council was not responsible for it, Donohue feels that Valley's strong football team this semester did a great deal for school spirit and enthusiasm.

"We have moved closer to letting students without paid I.D.'s vote in elections," Donohue believes, which is another positive role and he feels that an improvement has been made in student representation. "I wanted to give students more representation by becoming a representative to the Board of Trustees," Donohue said, and termed it a "definite accomplishment."

Looking ahead, Donohue speculated on the effects of the District takeover of co-curricular funding. A meeting next Wednesday will be held between the student-body presidents and the Board of the Trustees to discuss not only the takeover, but also the future of student governments.

"It is critical that we take steps to insure the survival of student governments," Donohue said, and he forsees a change in the nature of the governments.

"So far we have been fortunate to have been in control of funds,"

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STAR EDITORIAL

Security You Can Trust

Crime and the fear of molestation are growing at Valley College. To resolve this situation, campus security will be working with the campus Police Science Club and the Administration of Justice Department at Valley in training qualified LAVC students to patrol campus parking lots and provide a student escort service.

Star views this as an excellent idea and believes this program should be implemented as soon as is possible.

The head of security at Valley, Captain Wally Gudzus, has related that the program will be organized and put into action by the middle of January in response to the facts that over the past year the number of car thefts and vandalisms at Valley have doubled, and with the "hillside strangler" on the prowl, women are now afraid to walk alone around campus.

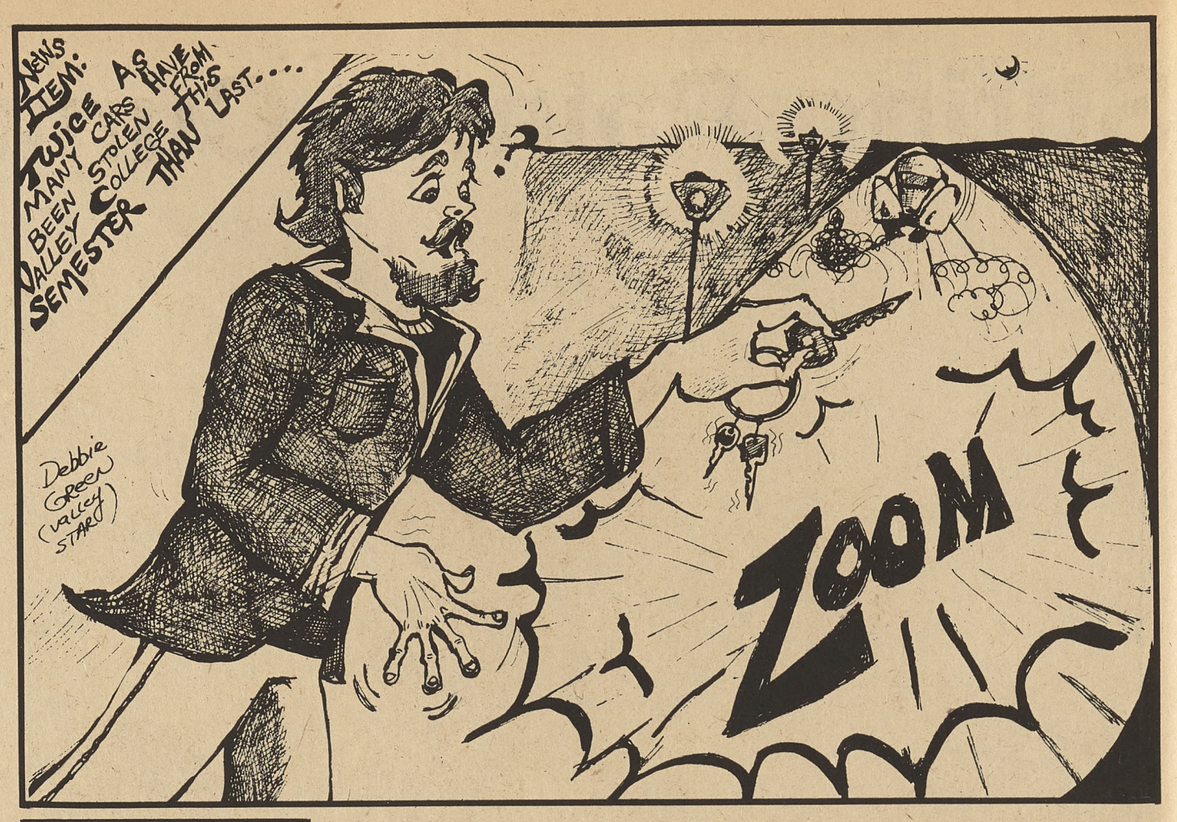
Students working in the program will be paid, but will not carry any weapons, and will wear some sort of obvious identification to show their affiliation with the program.

However, Star believes that these student workers should not lurk behind shrubbery or hide in any fashion, as visibility is the best deterrrent of crime.

Students who are interested in working in this progam will go through a training program in self-defense, the curriculum to be determined by Gudzus and the faculty members of the Administration of Justice Department. Students will also be interviewed by those faculty members and Gudzus as a further screening measure.

Gudzus stresses that criminals will not be apprehended by those students, as this is campus security's job.

Star believes this program is probably the best way to solve security problems on this campus and we applaud this plan of action. We hope that it will soon become a reality and not just another good idea that was never put into action.



REFLECTIONS

Editor-in-Chief Chooses Highs and Lows of 1977

By JIM BOLAND
Editor-in-Chief

I hate New Year's resolutions.

Instead of making up a dumb list of promises I couldn't live up to if I had the brains of Einstein, the Braun of Samson, and the Morality of Christ, I prefer to reflect on the previous year for highlights and sorespots. This column has been entitled "Reflections" all year, so here are a few.

World leader of the Year—Anwar Sadat for initiating legitimate peace negotiations in the Middle East.

Worst performance in a purported leadership role-Jean-Bedel Bokassa, emperor of the Central African Empire, for spending 25 percent of his country's treasury on his coronation, even though the per capita income of his constituency is $255 per year.

Best Local government decision—The Los Angeles Olympic Committee and Mayor Bradley for bringing the 1984 Summer Olympics to L.A.

Worst Local Government Decision—Los Angeles Olympic committee and Bradley for not soliciting enough public input before bringing the Summer Olympics to L.A.

Most Prolific supporter of Human Rights—Sadat once again, though followed closely by Miaread Corrigan and Betty Williams of Northern Ireland, The Belfast Housewives who received the Nobel Peace Prize for their attempts to motivate peace in this war town country.

Most Ardent opponents of Human Rights—Anita Bryant, followed closely by those members of the gay community who are living by the motto "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death my right to throw things at you."

Best Television show of the year—60 Minutes, with honorable mention going to the American public for finally giving this show the ratings it richly deserved.

Worst show of the year—Toughest decision with so many qualified candidates but a newcomer, Lucan, apparently should win in a photo-finish. TV executives are apparently trying to cash in on the Human Rights fad by showing how hostile society can be toward a young boy who merely wants to live like a wild animal.

TV disappointment of the Year—Both Father Knows Best Reunions—They say you can't go home, but Jim and Margaret figured they could if they sold their house to Bud.

Best Book of the Year—The Camera Never Blinks by Dan Rather. Though admittedly prejudiced toward journalists, Rather's book is a fascinating collection of anecdotes and analizations of recent political events.

Worst Book of the Year—With Jaqueline Susann gone and Harold Robbins dormant this category is open to whomever you desire ——————————.

Athlete of the year—Tough category but Craig Morton receives my vote for his billiant performance in the AFC championship game after being hospitalized the week preceding the game.

Worst performance by an Athlete Bruce Jenner, who followed his victory in the Olympic Decathlon by being defeated by Kristy McNichol in a skateboard race.

There you have my choices for people who have stood above, below, and got lost in the crowd during 1977.

CONVERSATION

Traveler Still Relishes Bus After Bad Weather

By DOUG CURRAN
Fine Arts Editor

Yesterday I was listening to a friend tell me what a horrendous Greyhound Bus ride she took from L.A. to Santa Barbara: too many stops, the air-conditioner was too cold, the toilets stunk, and a smelly fat man next to her was staring at her over the top of his "Popular Mechanics" magazine.

"I can't imagine anything more bizarre," she said.

Without a moments hesitation I said, "I certainly can."

I thought I would share with her one story from my copious supply of bus adventures.

I was riding in a train, and it had just crossed into Thailand from Malaysia. We stopped at the little town of Ban Hat Jai. Everyone got off, and we were told it was as far as we could go because "the tracks had washed away . . . "

1. Minutes later I stood knee deep in monsoon water. The roads were washed out, the airport was flooded, and cholera had broken out in a neighboring village.

2. After an hour or so I managed to wade to what was left of the bus station only to find a couple of hundred other people screaming and yelling the same idea that I was thinking: to buy a ticket on the next bus out. My destination was Bangkok, some 700 miles away.

3. Four days later and after only three hours traveling, the road to Bangkok disappeared into a sea of flood water. I spent the night in a Chinese bakery with my new friends who kept feeding me their endless assortment of biscuits while we laughted and carried on till nearly dawn.

4. It might be weeks before the flood waters subsided, so the bus driver decided to take an alternate route. His two co-polits, armed with a rifle and three hand guns, got on the bus and we all set out anticipating some encounter with bandits. We spent the next two days taking back roads through the jungle with only isolated villages and teakwood forest in sight.

5. After resting for a day at a Buddhist monestary our expedition was back on the road. However, after only a few hours the roads yielded to a gaping crack with rushing water below.

Two elephants and a dozen men were busy reconstructing what I thought to be the bridge over River Kwai. Towards the end of the day our expedition rolled over the creaking teak wood bridge.

6. It was clear sailing for the next two days: nothing but picture post card views and dense jungle.

7. Then the road disappeared into a seemingly endless sea of water. There was no land visible in front of us. Fortunately the water was only three or four feet deept. The next seven or so hours were sepnt "floating" along at walking speed with two guys standing at arms length charting our course.

8. Four days later the Royal Palace was in view and the weekend market was in full swing.

In all, it took two weeks to travel a distance of about 700 miles, but it was worth every foot.

I concluded, "If you think this is bizarre wait till you hear my stories about train rides in India."

DEBATE

Nuclear Reactors: Should They Be Constructed, Maintained?

PRO

By MIKE EBERTS
Staff Writer

Two-thirds of our world's people are now without electricity. Many countries look helplessly toward one small corner of the globe for their energy. For them, fossil fuels have been providing the answer. But their—and our— supply is dwindling rapidly.

How should the last cache's of oil on our planet be used? Can we meet the challange of finding a new energy source? Will we march ahead into a world of eternal heat and light, or will we slowly let our planet creep back into a new dark age?

There is a choice to be made and the time to decide is now.

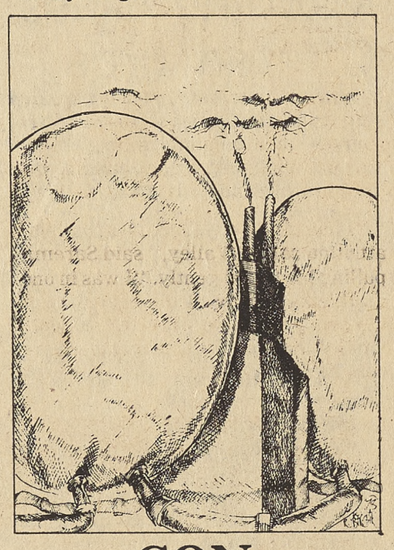
Nobody denys that plutonium breeder reactors are the most prolific energy source developed in the history of mankind since they make their own fuel.

But many people, laymen and experts alike, are afraid of plutonium reactors. They contend that thermal pollution of rivers and lakes, radioactive waste disposal, and the threat of terrorism are great enough worries to make plutonium reactors dubious as an energy alternative.

These people ignore that the National Academy of Science has endorsed waste storage in salt domes as safe. All that has to be done to cure thermal pollution is to set the heated water in a special holding pond until it is cool enough to put back into the main body of water. And surely we can design security elaborate enough to make the terrorist threat nil.

Both sides are strong; we still have a choice. We can leave our children a listless, decaying world, purged of energy and choked by pollution, or we can leave the next generation a legacy of unlimited power for all the peoples of the globe.

I say we go for the latter.



CON

By PAT BARRIER
and LORNA BATTLE
Staff Writers

Nuclear devastation of your city is a terrifying potential, feared by scientists who know the ramifications of further nuclear irresponsibility. An irresponsibility of which you, the public, should be aware, in order to demand its halt.

There is irresponsibility in the production of plutonium in unsafe breeder plants. Plutonium is the waste product of the nuclear fusion of uranium, and can be used as an energy source.

Breeder plants producing plutonium have a history of reactor breakdowns resulting in the spillage of radioactive particles, and a history of cooling system failures when a reactor overheats. The cooling system failures have not yet resulted in the loss of life, but, the possibility is terrifying. An unchecked overheating would result in an explosion desolating life and property within a 300 mile radius and contaminating the atmosphere for 250 thousand years.

The experimental use of plutonium on unaware patients, one a four-year-old boy, is another irresponsible act. In these experiments only one patient was aware that he was being injected with plutonium.

There has obviously been negligence in the process of storing nuclear waste. Currently the waste is stored in cement containers, with the life expectancies of fifty years, and sunk in the ocean.

The containers are leaking.

Another frightening aspect of nuclear irresponsibility is the inadequate protection of nuclear materials and subsequent loss of some nuclear elements. There are nuclear materials missing from storage and plants that no one can account for. With terrorists proliferation a strong possibility and the making of a nuclear bomb relatively easy, we should consider carefully just how badly we need nuclear plants within our country.

LETTERS TO THE STAR

Instructor Feels Cartoon, Editorial Putrid

Dear Editor,

No one I know or respect hopes for brilliance or sophistication from college editorials (sometimes referred to as idiotorials), but your cartoon and its campanion commentary "Society Programs Slurs" (Dec. 15, p. 2) are plainly putrid. Your disclaimer is no excuse. Do you print every point of view that weak minds and sick souls are capable of conceiving? Have you no respect for the language, for the meaning of words, for your readers' sensibilities? Wherein lies the truth in your assertion that the "true season's greetings include derogatory ethnic and racial slurs"? While it might be a true statement that some people still think and talk as you report, it most certainly is not true that this, therefore, constitutes "the true season's greetings."

Furthermore, you in your undaunted insolence (overlooking your anonymity) "indict" me, Valley College, the United States of America, and 'by cartoon' the planet earth for "tolerating" individuals who use the terms." Dear god, what do you propose that we mortals do to eradicate these terms (or their users)?

As one of my colleagues summarized, "Such ignorance and insensitivity posing as knowledge and sophistication is an affront to the college." If the author is a young writer, such thinking and writing are understandable, but that they should be published is as repugnant as the bigotry that occasioned the article—if such exists.

And that brings me to the last point. In printing material of this type you are defeating your own purpose, for my attention was so drawn to the fallacies of the editorial that I at first missed its thesis, then rejected it, because I don't trust the writer. I can't trust this author as a responsible, accurate reporter.

Is the Valley Star trying to foster quality journalism or simply to subpish the psychic regurgitations of a journal?

David E. Jones
Department of English

Professor Supports Affirmative Action

Dear Editor,

Like Cy Kirshner, I applied for the job of Coordinator of the Learning Center. Unlike Professor Kirshner, I was not even granted an interview, I accepted this because I understood that there were many applicants for the job and I was pleased that Katherine Akers was the one chosen. She is eminently qualified for the position, having had a long association with the Learning Center. If the committee had so chosen, they could probably have found a "super-qualified" individual who, unlike Professor Akers, has had nothing to do with the Learning Center or Valley College.

I am disturbed by Professor Kirshner's assertion that this was "reverse discrimination". The discrimination which exists in this society (and this district) has been and still is against minorities and women. If you just look at the faculty and administration at Valley College and, indeed, in the district as a whole, it is overwhelmingly white male. The discrimination has been in favor of white males, not against them.

Affirmative Action programs are an effort to correct the discrimination which has kept women and minorities out of the mainstream. Professor Kirshner should join me in applauding this effort to make ours a more just society.

Leon F. Marzillier
Associate Professor of Mathematics

Reader Disagrees With Broslawsky

Dear Editor,

I am a senior citizen student in Jewish Studies and I read your article "Valley Profs View Sadat, Middle East." I was outraged at the statement made by instructor Farrel Broslawsky: "The biggest obstacle in Middle East negotiations is Begin." This is utter nonsense!

On Dec. 7, during Jewish Awareness Week Broslawsky again sounded off in "Why Isreal?" He made many statements regarding Israel and its land which were inaccurate, to say the least, and he does not project facts.

Such lectures are misleading especially to young students who believe they are hearing and learning the truth.

Broslawsky should stick to his textbooks instead of his anti-Israel propaganda.

Augusta Cutter

Reader Urges Black Awareness Everyday

Dear Editor,

I would like to remind the staff of Valley Star that everyday is a Black holiday in the hearts of Black brothers and sisters everywhere.

This is referring to your article on Black Awareness Week on Dec. 8.

You can never take away the dignity of a man's culture no matter where he lives or works.

So in understanding this, I would like to say Black Awareness Week is every day.

Morris Williams

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from Valley College students and citizens of the surrounding community.

Letters may be mailed to the Valley Star, or may be presented in person to the Valley Star office, Business-Journalism 114, by noon Monday for the following Thursday.

Letters should be typewritten with a maximum length of 350-400 words. They may be edited for length or conciseness. All letters should be signed, and students should state their majors. Names will be withheld upon request.

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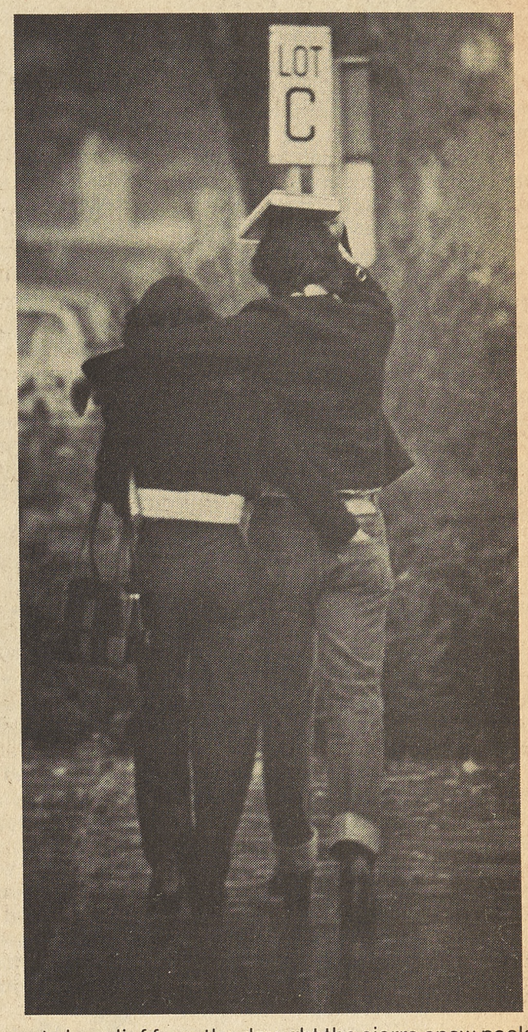
Spring Rain: A Cumulus That Refreshes



RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY—Valley students are shown avoiding the recent raindrops in conventional and unconventional methods. Due to the recent precipitation caused by a tropical storm, the snow in the mountains is melting prematurely. The rain offered minimal relief from the current drought. In order for there to be relief from the drought the sierra snow pack must remain frozen until the Spring. Photos by David Krushell and Harry Fisher

What's Happening

Careers in Early Childhood Education

Lousie Dean, professor of Child Development at LAVC will discuss the subject of a career in Early Childhood Education, on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. in BSc 100.

Alternative Legal Careers

Opportunities to study in the legal field at The People's College of Law will be discussed by Reese Lloyd, representative from the college, on Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 11 a.m. to noon, in BSc 105.

The Libertarian and the Bureaucrat

Athusoc is sponsoring a taped presentation by humanist philosopher Dr. John Hospers, entitled, "The Libertarian Versus the Bureaucratic Temperament," with a discussion to follow, on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. Meet in the quad area near the bungalows. For more info, call Rob Myers, 787-4877.

Travel and Study Opportunities Abroad

Information about summer, one-semester and full-year program studying and traveling in Israel will be presented today at 11 a.m. in FL 111.

Anthropology Open House

Valley's Anthropology Club is holding its annual open house on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 11 a.m. in Bungalow 15. There will be displays, lectures, and refreshments.

What's IVCCF?

It's InterVarsity Campus Christian Fellowship, which meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. in Physics 104. It's fellowship, guest speakers, and Bible studies.

Tau Alpha Epsilon Invites New Members

Tau Alpha Epsilon invites full-time students with a 3.2 GPA last semester, and part-time students who have completed 18 or more units with a 3.2 GPA to attend their meetings Thursdays at 11 a.m. in CC 206.

Martial Arts Club

It's never too late to join the Martial Arts Club. It meets 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Workouts are in the Martial Arts field house from 2-3:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Book Swap

A book swap/sale will take place Jan. 27, 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Monarch Square. Students can buy or swap books needed for school classes. Anyone can participate. For more info call Don Ryan, AMS president in CC 102, ext. 361.

Frisbee Fun

A frisbee demonstration followed by a workshop will take place in the free speech area, Thursday, Jan. 10, from 11 a.m. to noon. Hyper Hank, Eldon MacKentire, and Laura Engel will demonstrate their expertise, helped out by one of man's best friends. Free frisbees will be handed out—first come, first served.

Problems of the Black Woman Discussed

A film entitled "The Black Woman," which will focus on the concerns, needs, and problems of Black women in the United States, will be shown today at 11 a.m. in H 103, courtesy of the S.H.-E. Center.

Explore the Pyramids

Valley's Earth-Science Department is sponsoring a lecture entitled "Mysteries of the Central American Pyramids," Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. in MS 109.

Student from Iran Pursues Dream Of Being Dentist Despite Barriers

By PATRICK BOWER
Feature Editor

Gaining a high grade-point average is quite an accomplishment for most people.

Even more so if the student is from another country where English is not the mother tongue, and that student has a language barrier to overcome, not to mention the change in culture.

Amid Saremi, a student at Valley, has accomplished just that. He is in his last semester here and has maintained a 3.2 average throughout five semesters of study which consist of a good mixture of mathematics and science.

Saremi, who was born 20 years ago in Iran, is not satisfied with a mere 3.2 average. "I'm shooting for a 3.6 so I'll have the best possible chance of getting into dental school," said Saremi.

"I was told when I first came here that it would be rough and that I couldn't make it, but now I know I can."

When Saremi arrived in the United States, he was 16. He completed his education at Hoover High in one year, then he went on to Valley to continue his education.

"In Iran," said Saremi, "I lived in the national capital, Tehran. To continue one's education after high school is very difficult. The universities in Iran have room for 20,000 students a year; 70,000 apply each year.

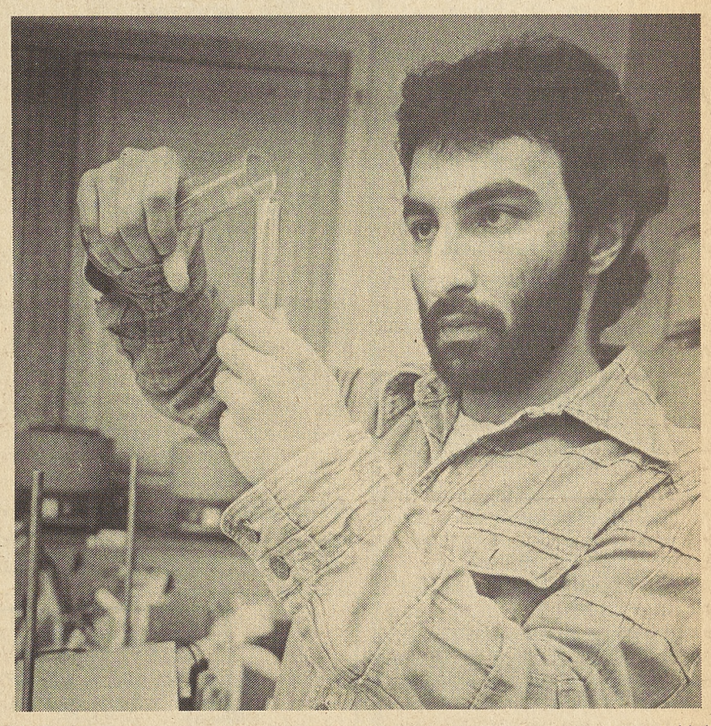
"Americans should be thankful for the availability of a higher education in the US," said Saremi. "I like the quality of education here at Valley. You really have a chance to learn something."

Saremi feels the quality of a high school education in Iran is better because it is stricter. "They require you to take college preparatory courses in the ninth grade," said Saremi, first folding, then opening his light brown hands.

"I feel this is why there is such a high attrition rate at Valley," said Saremi, pulling his beard gently. "I was in one math class where at the beginning of the semester there were 100 students and by the end of the semester there only were 30 of us left."

Getting this far for Saremi has been tough and he has some suggestions for the instructors here on campus.

Running his hand through his closely-cropped black hair, his brown eyes light up. "If teachers could spend more time with the foreign students it would help, because many times we foreign students are afraid to speak up in class because of our accents," says Saremi. "If the instructors would take the first move, it would really help."



MEASURING UP—Amid Saremi, a 20-year-old Iranian student at Valley plans to become a dentist. Star Photo by Tom Neerken

Campus Qualities Shown Throughout Valley Area

Valley College will present a program of demonstrations and displays highlighting the campus' finer points during Valley College Days, Friday Jan. 6 through Sunday Jan. 22, at various valley locations.

Student demonstrations in self defense tactics at noon, Saturday, Jan. 7, will be part of the first program at Laurel Plaza, 6100 Laurel Canyon Blvd. The exhibition will remain at the site from the 6th through the 10th.

Valley College Days will move to Golden Mall on Orange Grove Avenue on Saturday, Jan. 14. Pottery making will be featured from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

The following Thursday through Sunday, the program will be held at the Northridge Shopping Center, 9301 Tampa Blvd. Highlighting the weekend, students will present a martial arts demonstration Friday at 7 p.m., and will conduct a news broadcasting session Saturday at 11 a.m.

Visitors at all locations will find a large variety of literature explaining all the facets of life at Valley College. "A Changing College in Changing Times," a slide show, will screen continuously during the three-week event.

Counselor aides will answer questions from visitors on job placements, athletics, accredited volunteer work, and Valley's special programs for the handicapped, senior citizens, and veterans.

CLUB NEWS

Recognized clubs on Valley's campus are invited to include their club activities, on or off campus but restricted to the general locale, in the Valley Star.

Club news should be left in the club editor's box, located in BJ114, by 2 p.m. on Monday for the following Thursday.

Club news may be turned in at noon on Tuesday only if the information was received at an 11 a.m. Tuesday club meeting.

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VC Dribbles, Drools to Five Losses

By TONI DRAKE
Sports Editor

Instead of being a notorious rival, Valley's basketball have become the contenders, ringing in the New Year with a five game losing streak and "apparently" lacking the incentive needed for conference play which opens Jan. 11, on the road, against a staunchy Pasadena squad at 7:30 p.m.

VALLEY 65-CHAFFEY 57

Chaffey was the first of two tournaments that Valley was invited to participate in during the holiday recess, and though the Dec. 14 game against Chaffey College was tedious, the Monarchs managed to pull off a 67-57 win.

Both teams lacked momentum and consistency, as proved by the final score, but seemingly, Valley appeared more aware of the action.

Overall, the Monarchs shot poorly, completing only 26 of 69 attempts, yet exceled from the free-throw line, snagging 13 of 15 attempts.

Guard Russ Peterson highlighted the evening with 18 points, four rebounds, and two assists, while forward John Barnhart celebrated 14 points, 10 rebounds, one assist, and three interceptions.

Steve Scott accumulated 13 points and six rebounds, while Jim Holland finished with eight points, three rebounds, and two assists.

John McDonough shot for six points before fouling out of the game, as John Downum, Kenny Burns, and Tom Crawford contributed two points apiece.

GOLDEN WEST 77-VALLEY 75

Inconsistent shooting from the free-throw line cut Valley's participation in the Chaffey Tournament short, falling to Golden West College, 77-75 on Dec. 15.

The Monarchs did an about face in comparison to the previous night when their free-throw percentage was at its peak. Instead, VC shot for a nine point low to the Rustlers' 21.

To add to the dilemma, Valley accounted for 29 personal fouls, including foul outs by McDonough, Barnhart, and Scott.

Holland headed the Monarch cause with 16 points, five rebounds, and one assist. Scott swished in 14 points and executed six rebounds, as Barnhart followed with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

McDonough finished the evening with 11 points and 12 rebounds, as Peterson and Burns shot for six a piece.

Other VC scorers were Dwight Strayer with five points and Crawford with four. Downum was side-lined due to an ankle injury.

GLENDALE 85-VALLEY 80

When Valley hosted Glendale College on Dec. 20, little did they know that this would be the second of their five game losing streak, as Glendale nipped the Monarchs, 85-80.

Attributing to Valley's downfall was the loss of two valuable forwards, Barnhart and Downum. Both were out of action due to ankle injuries, with Downum's being more severe.

Among other factors, Valley could not withstand Glendale's poise and shooting conistency. Both teams were even in rebounds, but Glendale had the size and worked diligently.

Without a doubt, the Monarchs have one of the smallest team's in the Metropolitan Conference, and perhaps, in California JC ball.

Glendale led 40-34 at the half, and displayed fine showings from Getana Johnson (30 points), Wayne Wirth and Tim Fischer (16 points a piece) and Chris Jensen with 12.

Scott alley-ooped for 19 points, five rebounds, and one assist. Peterson racked up 12 points, four rebounds, and two assists, while Crawford executed a sufficient 12 point game to put VC on the board .

Other Monarch scores came from McDonough (11), Strayer (9), Holland (6), Burns (7), and Scott Soller and Rick Jusko with two apiece.

MOORPARK 82-VALLEY 70

All Valley wanted for Christmas was to get back on the winning trail, but instead, Santa Claus presented the Monarchs with a defeat from Moorpark, 82-70 on Dec.22.

Both teams kept the game close throughout the first two periods, yet Moorpark left the court, leading 38-32 at the half.

The second half was a "tragedy," as Valley could only score one point in the first six minutes of play.

In desperation, Coach Jim Stephens sent newcomer Lonnie Camper into action, and with his fine composure and talent, Camper delivered his share of the goods.

Valley Star Sports

A product of Fairfax High School, Camper snagged nine points, six rebounds, one assist, and four sensational blocked shots.

Scott performed well for Valley, compiling 23 points and four rebounds, as Strayer shot for eight, followed by McDonough with seven points, seven rebounds, and two assists.

Soller and Holland picked up six and five points respectively, while Peterson, Burns, and Jusko scraped off four points a piece.

SADDLEBACK 99-VALLEY 64

"It was like playing an NBA team," stated Coach Jim Stephens, regarding the first game of the College of the Desert Tournament Dec. 28-29, for which Valley was the calamity and Saddleback College the victors, trouncing the Monarchs, 99-64.

With 10 minutes into the game, Valley headed the action, leading 10-2, but their realm was soon solicited by Saddleback, as the Monarchs trailed 30-28 at the half.

"We played well, banged on the boards with them, but were simply outmanned," commented Stephens.

Scott, once again, came through for VC with 18 points and six rebounds, followed by McDonough, Burns, Holland, and Camper with eight points apiece. Both Peterson and Strayer compiled six points each.

Holland and Scott fouled out of the game, and Camper led in rebounds with 14.

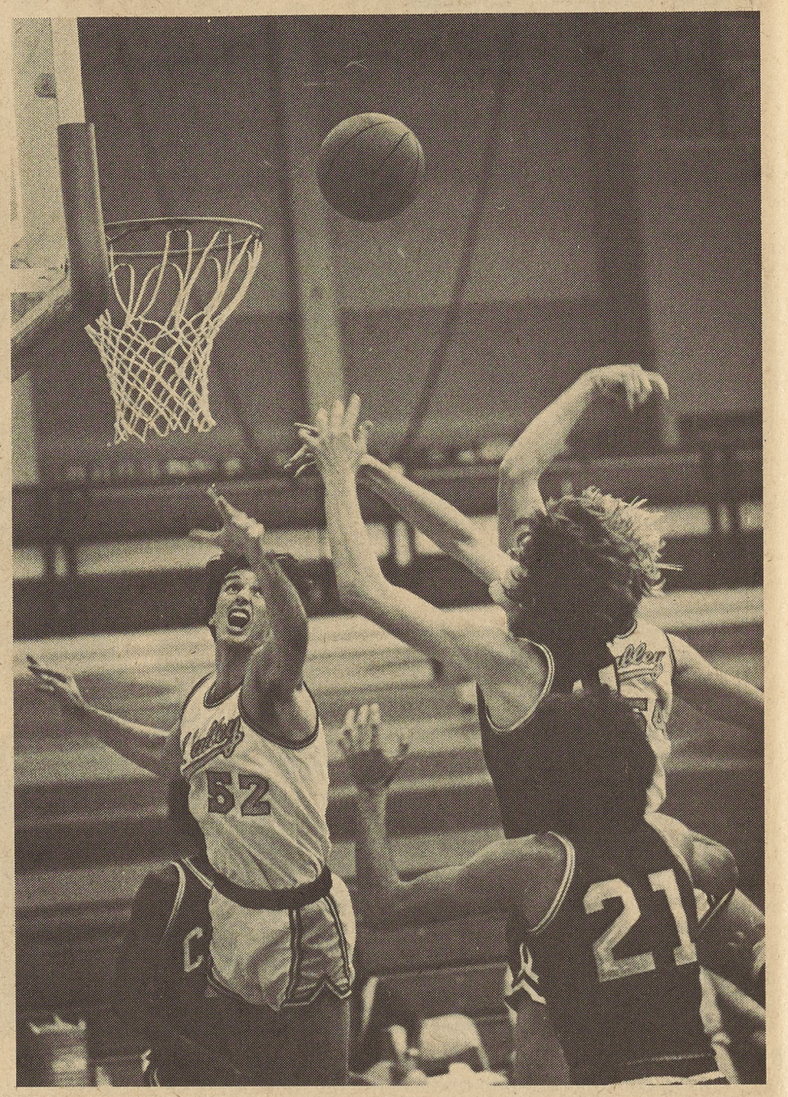
CITRUS 72-VALLEY 66

"We have to be the best 4-9 team in the state," said Coach Stephens, after Valley acquired their fifth consecutive non-conference loss while playing Citrus College at the College of the Desert Tournament Dec. 29.

The Monarchs played with more intensity than they have all year, and were only down by two points with 15 seconds left in the game.

Valley's Tom Crawford snatched the ball from a Citrus player with 15 seconds remaining in the game and went up for a lay up, but the play was called back because Crawford fouled his opponent. The Monarchs ran out of time, resulting in a long trip home and a case of humiliation.

Peterson made a 16 point effort, topped off with six rebounds, while Scott swished in 14 points. Crawford and Burns shot for 10 a piece, as McDonough and Camper gained eight and six points respectively. Holland contributed two points.



THE REBOUND—Monarch Center John McDonough (52) soars high into the air in hopes of snagging a VC rebound. McDonough "usually" leads the Monarch ball club in rebounding, but even his efforts could not pull Valley out of the slumps. Star Photo by Harry Fisher

INTUITION—Forward Steve Scott releases the ball on a free-throw attempt before the company of two eager Cerritos College Falcons. Scott played extremely well during the holiday recess, but as a team, Valley could only manage one win out of six games. The Monarchs are 4-9 in non-conference play. Star Photo by Craig Molenhouse

SPORTS MENU
(For the week of Jan. 5-11)

BASKETBALL—Jan. 6, Mt. San Antonio at Valley, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 11, Valley at Pasadena, 7:30 p.m.
WRESTLING—Jan. 6 Valley at Cuesta Tournament, All Day.
HOCKEY—Jan. 9, Pierce at Valley, 10:30 p.m.

Matmen Hit Skids After Quick Start

After starting fast, the Monarch's wrestling team hit the skids as they were crushed by Riverside 49-3, and El Camino 44-5 in recent matches.

Valley will try to regain its momentum in the Cuesta Tournament on Friday at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. The tourney will be held all day.

Valley will try to regain the top spot in the Metropolitan Conference when they travel to Bakersfield College on Thursday for a 7:30 p.m. match.

On Dec. 13, the Monarchs hosted a feisty Riverside team and they were overwelmed, 49-3. The Tigers were ready, and the Monarchs were looking ahead to the defending state champs, El Camino.

Ken Davis, the most consistant Valley performer, came through with the only win. Davis defeated Gary Carson on a 14-7 decision.

El Camino invaded Valley on Dec. 14. The Warriers crushed the Monarchs, 44-5, and gained possession of first place. Larry Ervin fought for the only win, a 5-2 decision over Nelson Imamura. Jeff Lasater scored the final two team points with a 9-9 tie over Andrba White.

Valley has a 4-5-1 overall record, and 2-1 record in the Metro Conference.

Violence Endangering Pro, College Athletics

By HAL KLEIN
Staff Writer

There has been a tremendous amount of violence in professional and college athletics in recent months.

How to curb the amount of violence seems to be the biggest question in the hearts of everyone concerned.

Larry O'Brien, commissioner of the National Basketball Association, might have started the controversy, suspending former Laker Kermit Washington. Washington received the largest fine in NBA history of $10,000 and a 60 day suspension.

The 60 day suspension will cost Washington a minimum of $53,560. If O'Brien decides to suspend him for the rest of the year, he will be down approximately $95,942.

Is this the answer to violence in competitive sports?

As a fan of the NBA I hate to see a team hurt by the foolish play of an individual athlete.

I disagree with the harsh suspension bestowed on Washington. I feel a suspension of 30 days would have been satisfactory for the first incident.

It has been said this past week that victim Rudy Tomjanovich is suing the Lakers for damages. According to a local news report, he said that he is suing the Lakers for not controlling Washington's action on the court.

How can the management and coaching staff stop an individual action on the court during a game. Tomjanovich should sue Washington, not the Laker ball club.

If the suit goes through, the Lakers will be hurt more than the culprit Washington.

While walking down the street a couple of weeks ago, I heard people go, "Heah wasn't that a great fight?—Kermit really took the guy apart."

Is a fight in the NBA exciting? I would rather not go to a game than see an individual engage in a fight.

Not long after the Washington incident Raymond Townsend of the UCLA Bruins received a fractured jaw from San Jose Spartin Ron Lowe, who, like Washington, engaged in a fight.

What can be done in a college situation? You can't fine them because they do not get paid, yet the NCAA did not suspend him.

It was announced finally that Lowe was suspended for two weeks by San Jose State coach Ivan Guevara.

What ever happened to the competitiveness and sportsmanship these last few years in all sports.?

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Bruno Cicotti To Team Up With 'The Captain & Tennille' as Executive VP

By ROBERT BROWN
Managing Editor

It's the stuff old movies were made of.

Boy goes to college, studies music, then makes it big. But he doesn't become too big for his friends.

The boy is Daryl Dragon, better known as the "Captain" half of "The Captain and Tennille." The college is Valley College and the friend is Bruno Cicotti, coordinator of student affairs at Valley.

The plot is a little more complex than this, but Dragon did go to Valley, he did study music and make it big, and he is bringing Cicotti on as the executive vice-president of his company Moonlight and Magnolias Inc. after many years of friendship.

Ironically, Although Cicotti was at Valley when Dragon attended in 1963 and '64, they never met until 1973 when the "Captain and Tennille" were playing in the Smoke House.

"My wife and I were taken in by their music," Cicotti explained. "They would play five nights a week and we would be there four."

And when "The Captain and Tennille" began rising in popularity, they discovered a need for a secretary. So Cicotti's wife has filled the role since 1974.

Now a need has arisen for someone to handle the group's personal affairs since these are often neglected while on the road. So Cicotti has been granted an opportunity leave for next semester to fill the role of executive vice-president.

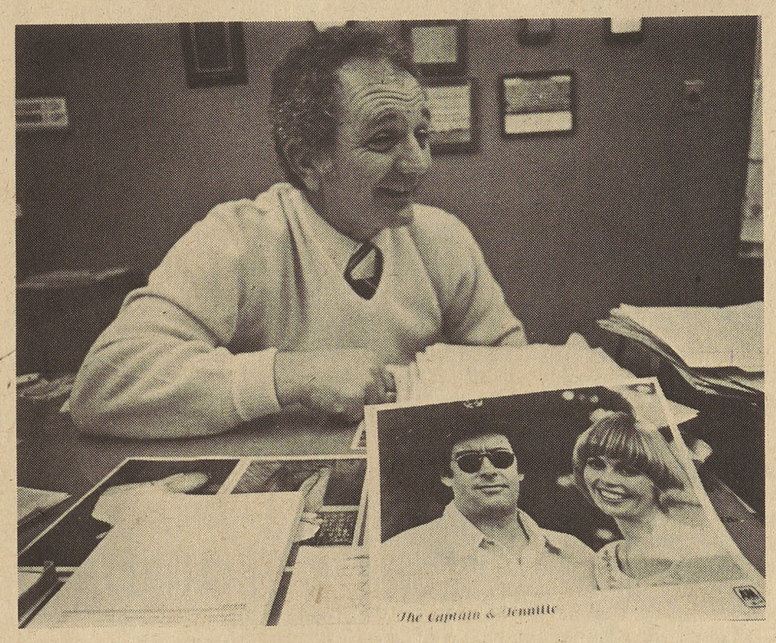
"It should be exciting," Cicotti said. "After 19 years at Valley, I'm looking forward to venturing out into a new area. I'm skepticle because I've never done anything like this. But my experience in administration should be very valuable.

"The thing I know I'm going to enjoy is working for these two people. They're down-to-earth people who are into their music and into other people."

This is very important for Cicotti, working for someone he likes and respects. And he respects Dragon and his partner Toni Tennille for their humble attitude and memory of how they got where they are.

Dragon has stated that he owes much to Valley and especially Lorrain Kimball, professor of music at Valley.

"I would never make this move if they weren't who they are," Cicotti stated.



ON HIS WAY OUT AND UP—Bruno Cicotti, coordinator of student affairs, is shown discussing his plans to become executive vice-president with the Captain and Tennille. Star Photo by Harry Fisher

Philosophy: Useless Or Meaningful?

COMMENTARY

By LISA RECHETNIK
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

"Philosophy is the greatest thing man has created."

—Lepska Warren
Associate Professor of Philosophy at Valley College

Yes, but, what is it?

Because philosophy means so many different things to different people, it is a difficult if not impossible thing to define. Perhaps on its most personal level, it is the way an individual looks at the world, the thought process or rationale that accompanies and explains his or her purpose and behavior in life.

For many people whose philosophy works efficiently and is consistant with their actions, it is the thing that gives substance, shape and meaning to their lives.

For others, it carries all the significance of baying at the moon.

Some people are deeply angry with philosophy because it tends to look at God with an analytical, detached point of view.

It shakes a lot of people up because it questions everything: the meaning of life, God, and concepts such as Jusitce, Despair, Absuridty, and Forlorness.

"Each word is like a suitcase that carries within it several different ideas. You have to unpack this suitcase and look at these ideas and examine what you mean by certain words."

—Lepska Warren

Is man free? What happens to us when we die? How can I know if I am doing the right thing? Is truth subjective or absolute? These are some of the problems with which philosophy deals.

Several people claim that the study of philosophy has changed their whole way of life, has transformed their perspectives entirely.

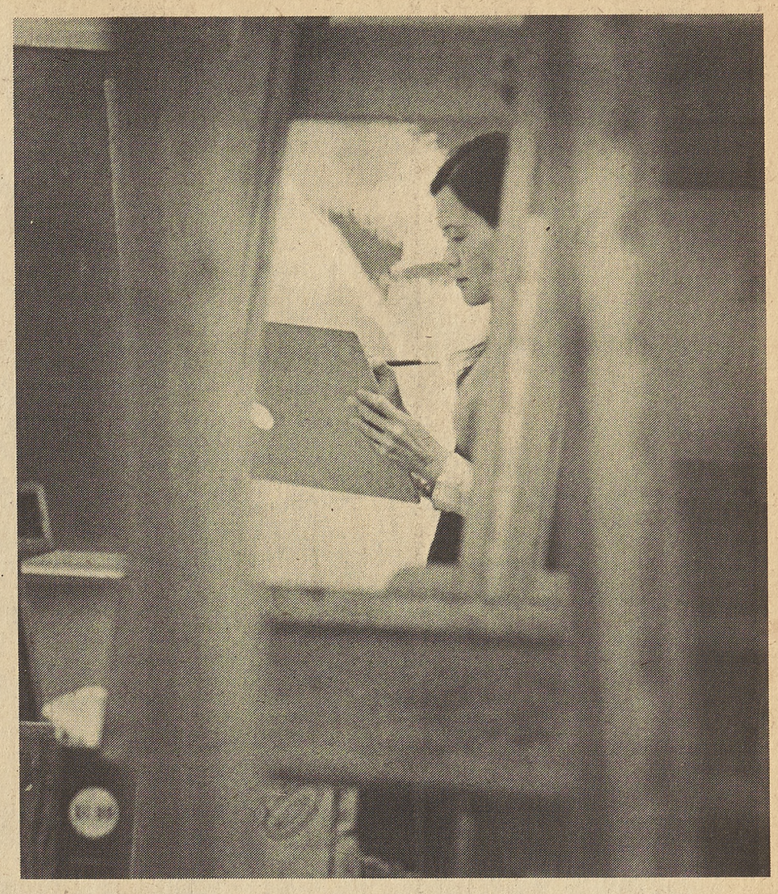
For this reason, I must agree with Mrs. Warren. Philosophy **is** the greatest thing that man has created. And because man has created it, it can be classified as our highest art form.

Women Topic Of Workshops

"Mommy's a Person Too!" is just one of five workshops scheduled to be held at Valley College in January.

The other four workshops, "Time Management," "Getting Ready for the Middle Years," "Working Woman: Moving Up," and "Negotiation Skills," also focus on women in todays society.

The most extensive workshop, "Mommy's a Person Too!" will deal with mothers who feel they have lost their identities.



THE QUIET SOLITUDE OF CREATION—Art Student Maggie Yao works to create an unusual effect by painting a visual non sequitar onto a pastural scene, producing a surrealistic image reminiscent of Magritte. This technique is taught by Flavio Cabral in his Drawing 2 class.
Star Photo by David Krushell

Fine Arts Happenings

Chess Club to Meet

Valley's Chess Club will meet every Tuesday, at 11 a.m. in MS 106.

Israeli Interest Group Begins Formation

Students interested in all aspects of Israel are invited to contact the Hillel Office, 994-7443. A new Israeli Interest group is now being formed.

Planetarium Lecture

"A New View of An Old Solar System" will be the subject matter of a lecture planned for Friday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Planetarium.

Concert

LAVC Student Composers and Performers will present a concert on Friday, Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Admission is free.

Korea

A travel film and lecture on Korea will be presented by Ken Armstrong on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 3 p.m. in Monarch Hall. General admission is $1.50, staff and students with paid I.D.'s will be charged 75 cents, and Gold Card carriers will be admitted for free.

Campus Concert

The Faculty Art Series will present Dr. David Karol, pianist, on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 3 p.m. in Room 106 of the Music Building.

Gustav Mahler Can Always Be Resurrected Twice

By DOUG CURRAN
Fine Arts Editor

There is more to music than Bach, Beethoven, and Mozart.

Gustav Mahler was born in Kalischt, Bohemia, July 7, 1860 and died in Vienna, May 18, 1911.

Strange as it may seem, most of the "great" composers never were able to compose more than nine symphonies.

Mahler composed his ninth and final symphony during his first season as conductor of the New York Philharmonic. The work reflects the complex emotions of a morbidly aware artist who realized that he had little time left to live.

The Ninth Symphony and the sketches for the unfinished Tenth, are obsessed with the mood of farewell not only in the music but in words that abound in the sketches. The Tenth Symphony, for example, concludes with a verbal explosion including the works: "Leb' wohl, mein Saitenspiel . . " (Farewell, my lyre . . . ").

Mahler was obsessed with death. His Ninth Symphony deals with it in four movements, Death as liberator, Death as fiddler for the dance, Death as the opponent in battle and finally, Death, the consoling friend.

In Molto Adagio, the last movement of the Ninth, Mahler, "peacefully bids farewell to the world," as Bruno Walter heard it. With Bruno Walter conducting. The Ninth was first performed thirteen months after Mahler's death. It opens with a broadly flowing melody in which the violins are seen joined by the remaining strings. The Italianate melodic "Turn" plays an important part in this melody and its development, which is the thematic basis of the whole movement. "Like the melting of a cloud into the eternal blue," as Walter phrased it.

The recapiticulation of Death as a main theme in Mahler's writing appears again the first of the three part symphony: Number Five. In part one: A solitary trumpet announces the first and most important theme of this "Funeral March." It begins like a solem summons from afar. The entire orchestra takes up the shuddering triplet rhythm, building to a strong climax, which quickly makes way for a lyric second theme: a mournful, wraithlike melody.

In the forth symphony of Mahler's the idea of children having a deeper insight into life than adults is used. At one time Mahler wanted to use his poem "Wir Geniessen Die Himmlischen Preuden" ("All Heavenly Joys Are Ours") for the final of his third symphony. There it was to have had the title "What The Child Tells Me," with the implication that children have a simpler and deeper wisdom than the warped adult mind.

Mahler plays with immages and shapes them into music that paints an intense philosophical picture. As he finished the Fourth Symphony, Mahler is reported to have said to friends: "What I envisioned for the last movement was very difficult. Try, if you will, to imagine a heaven of undifferentiated blue, which is much harder to suggest than changing, contrasting hues. This is the fundamental mood.

Yet (very rarely) does it darken, seems haunted, even terrifying—it is not that heaven itself really dims: on the contrary it shines on and on in its eternal blue. It is only that we sometimes react to it with a shudder of horror, just as on the most beautiful day, when the woods are drenched in sunlight, one may be suddenly gripped by a panic fear."

All of the works of Gustav Mahler have such philisophical themes behind them that it really is amazing just to read his ideas about a particular symphony then listen to it and hear and see how he says it with music rather than words.

Students, who, as a rule, don't frequent the concert hall would, I think be interested in the works of Mahler for his genius of projecting immages and a complete kelidiscope of moods in a single symphonic work.

Even still, there is more to Mahler than immagery, moods, and death.

Travolta's Dancing Heightens Thrill of 'Saturday Night Fever'

By LISA RECHETNIK
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John Travolta's dancing is not the only good thing about his new movie, "Saturday Night Fever," although the pleasure of watching him is in itself enough to make the movie a joy to see.

The film came up with two surprises: 1) Travolta can act, and 2) the plot is interesting, believable, and consistant.

Although the quality of television actors is often questionable at best, Travolta has shown that he is more than capable of portraying a character that has depth and sincerity, and with whom we can all identify. As Jim, he shows an accurate description of city life, and of youth's struggel for recognition and success on a realistic plane. The matter of man's purpose and the question of God's existence is subtly but effectively depicted. The problem of relationships is looked at from several angles: unrequited love, problematical, and successful.

Central to all these themes is that of personal recognition for something at which one excells, which, although reminiscent of "Rocky," is a lot more believabley epitomized by a dance contest at a local disco. And Travolta can dance with breathtaking ease and efficiency.

"Saturday Night Fever" maintains an intensity throughout, perhaps because in several ways it compels the audience involvement. It is simple but thought-provoking, and highly relevant to the trials and tribulations involved in being young in contemporary American society. It is definetly a film worth seeing twice.

Traveling Art Exhibit Honors Circus History

Circus fans will be particularly delighted with the next exhibit to be on display Jan. 9 through Jan. 20 at Valley's Art Gallery: The Norman Carroll Memorial Circus Collection. The Gallery,, located in the Art Building on campus, will be open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and from 6:45 p.m. until 9 p.m.

This extensive collection of vintage lithographs and stock woodblock prints were gathered over a lifetime in the circus by one-time clown, ringmaster, and press agent for numerous circuses, the late Norman Carroll.

Included in the collection are an extensive series of old Circus press photos, newsclippings, programs, books, and a vast assortment of memorabilia.

On loan from the Traveling Exhibits Department of the California Museum of Science and Industry, this display promises to be entertaining as well as informative.

HOLIDAYS

Los Angeles Community College District Administrative regulation 712rl, entitled "Major Holidays" states: "On major religious holidays, students shall not be required to attend classes." Therefore, students should be excused without penalty from classes during the Jewish High Holidays, which are September 12-14 and September 21-22.

Club News

Recognized clubs on Valley's campus are invited to include their club activities, on or off campus but restricted to the general locale, in the Valley Star.

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'Anything Goes' I O C Shows

Braun, not brains, was the necessary commodity at "Anything Goes Day" Dec. 15 in Monarch Square.

Six teams from IOC (Inter-organizational Council) competed against one another in tug-o-war, relay races, and a water-balloon-tossing contest. The competition was part of a plan to generate student interest and participation in IOC.

Many students viewing the festivities elected to join in the antics, pleasing event chairman, Steve Kaplan, who said, "We just wanted people to walk up to us and say, 'What is going on?' so we could explain to them what IOC is."

A crowd of approximately 90 students turned out to participate in, and watch the "second-to-the-last-day - of - school - before - Christmas - vacation-event," which Kaplan termed a great success.

The winners are to receive a round of applause and a congratulatory message from IOC.

Update New Publication

Running out of things to read? If so, then stop by room 116 of the Administration building for the first issue of 'Update,' the new on-campus publication.

Austin Conover, Public Information Officer, who edits and publishes 'Update,' said that the publication was really Dr. Thurston's idea.

"There was a need for communication, not only with our staff and faculty, but also with our public," Conover said. "We surveyed the 10,000 people who live within a half-mile radius of Valley College. The survey disclosed that many people do not know anything about Valley College. Fewer have had any contact at all with the college, either through classes or attending plays or games. A large amount would like to have more contact with Valley."

It is in response to this that 'Update' has been created.

"'Update' will go to our friends who have expressed an interest in Valley. Also, we'd like to use it to make more friends of Valley's," Conover said. "We hope that a lot of students will read this publication."

Funding for 'Update' came out of Valley's annual budget. It cost only $500 dollars for 10,000 issues of the four-page bi-monthly pamphlet with a gold and green cover design that reflects the school colors.

"I think Dr. Thurston's idea will grow," stated Conover enthusiastically. "I think we'd better order 20 thousand next time."

Clubs

Yiddish Club

The Shalom Aleichem Yiddish Club invites students to come see Yiddish poet and author Isaac Ronch on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. in FL 111.

Senior Students

The Senior Students Club end of the semester Event will be held in Monarch Hall on Jan. 19. It will feature Grassroots America Dance Group. Guests—2 to 6 p.m. Luncheon will be 3: 30 p.m. Buy tickets now, donation is $1.50, friends welcome. For information call 344-0013, 789-4169 or 980-1934.

Hockey Booster Club

Valley Monarchs Hockey Booster Club will present Hockey Night at Shakeys Pizza Parlor on Laurel Canyon in North Hollywood, tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. Pizza, beer and a telecast of the Kings-Philadelphia Flyers will add to the merriment.

Scardino . . .

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February to ratify the new constitution Scardino has said that he will work hard to get it passed.

One of the major areas Scardino views as vital is the reorganization of the A.S. Council. This deals with consolidating several positions and eliminating others. It would also lengthen the terms of the president, vice-president, and treasurer to an entire year as opposed to the current semester term.

While Scardino's proposals are still in the planning stages he feels confident that he can accomplish many of his goals.

The students wanted a hard worker and thats what they are going to have!"

One Phone Call Could Help You

Los Angeles Valley College students have help as close as the telephone.

In operation since February, Warm Line (782-1988) is where students can leave messages for their instructors, find answers to basic school problems or can be told where help is available. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

During the first semester of operation there were 146 calls, but since September it has received 428.

"If the line is busy," said Dr. Alice Thurston.". We urge students to continue calling until they get results. The person on the other end will be able to help you or can refer you to where you can get help.

"This project is part of our Operation Investment in Learning because we want to project the investment of students in their education. Though Valley is a tuition-free college, students do have an investment in books, time, planning and family involvement that makes enrollment possible. The best way to protect one's investment is to stay in college."

Donohue . . .

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Donohue feels, but believes that now student governments will become more and more service oriented, and more fund-raisers will become necessary. He believes there will be fewer social and charitable activities, but would not like to see social activities abolished altogether.

Donohue said that he is pleased to have served as president and hopes to see more students who have not been involved before, join student government. "This will give them a chance to truly reap what they sow," he stated. He added that he hopes that future council members will try to stay individuals, and not just follow the crowd, but that the council as a whole should try and work together.

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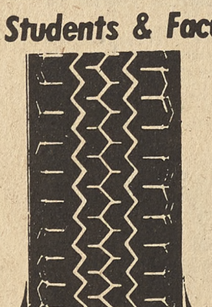

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